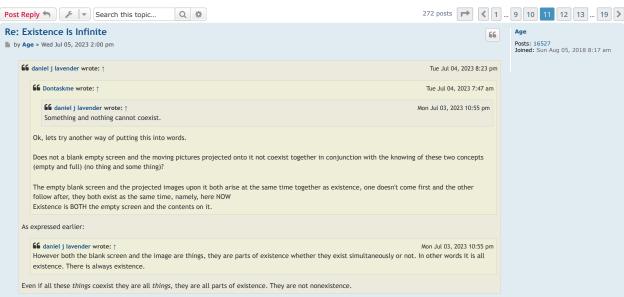
# Philosophy Now

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ACTUAL 'nonexistence' IS NOT even a logical POSSIBILITY to exist, let alone an ACTUAL POSSIBILITY. So, WHY even WRITE as though there could be ANY POSSIBILITY AT ALL that 'nonexistence' could even exist?

OF COURSE ALL 'things' COEXIST IN and WITH 'EXISTENCE', Itself.

From what I can tell absolutely NO one here is even DISAGREEING WITH you on 'this'. "dontaskme" was just POINTING OUT some 'thing' earlier, which you have 'now', finally, come around to AGREEING WITH, ANYWAY.

66 daniel i lavender wrote: 1 Every aspect of your premise involves things and qualities of things.

A blank, empty screen is a blank, empty screen. A thing. The moving pictures are moving pictures. Those are things. Knowing them as concepts, that they are concepts. Concepts are things. Empty is a quality or condition of some thing. Empty is a quality or property and is itself a thing. Full is a quality or condition of some thing. Full is a quality or property and is itself a thing.

All referenced are things, are [parts of] existence. Nonexistence is not referenced or alluded to in any way. It can't be. Nonexistence does not exist.

We HAVE GONE THROUGH 'this' ALREADY. 'nonexistence' DOES EXIST. As an 'idea', 'concept', AND thus 'thing'.

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You are attempting to use examples of things to create an analogy to identify nonexistence. It does not and will not work. You only have things to work with as there are only things. You cannot effectively reference or metaphor nonexistence as there is only existence.

As you concede, existence is both the empty screen and the contents on it.

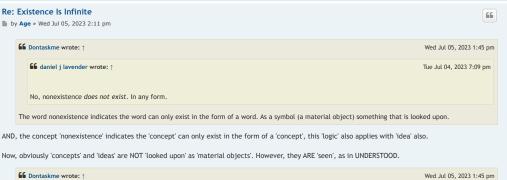
Existence is all. There is only existence.

There is no place for nothingness as existence is infinite. Nothingness is not and cannot be.

False, Wrong, AND Incorrect ONCE AGAIN, and thus STILL.

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by Dontaskme » Wed Jul 05, 2023 2:35 pm

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## Re: Existence Is Infinite

by Eodnhoj7 » Wed Jul 05, 2023 3:23 pm



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66 daniel j lavender wrote: 1

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66 Eodnhoi7 wrote: ↑

2. Beyond comparison and beyond form makes existence no-thing (not a thing) as a thing requires definition.

Beyond comparison and beyond form makes existence all things, not no-thing.

Remember existence is not a thing in this sense. Existence is all things. Existence is the entirety.

Existence is beyond compare because there is not anything else to compare existence to. Existence is all. There is no other to compare.

Existence is beyond form. Existence cannot be limited to any particular, to any specific form. Existence exceeds any particular form as existence is all other forms too.

"Formless" is typically defined as "having no definite form, having no distinct shape". Existence, generally speaking, meets this criteria as existence cannot be reduced to any specific form or shape. Existence is omnifarious, or of all forms. In this sense, formless.

66 Fodnhoi7 wrote: ↑

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3. If all there is is existence then everything is connected by the fact it exists. Thus justification is connected to everything else, through the nature of existence, and as such existence being everything is existence as justification.

Yes, justification is connected to everything else by commonality of being. However justification is only part of existence; justification concerns only parts of existence.

I like your earlier statement:

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4. I think my threads and your thread are arguing the same point.

Perhaps. Obviously I'm opposed to nothing, or nothingness or nonexistence actually existing. There certainly are similarities and we agree on several points.

It isn't much surprise though, as mentioned earlier this is eternal knowledge. Many throughout eternity have expressed and will express similar ideas and views because it is what is.

We're not inventing or contriving this material from thin air. We just happen to be mindful individuals who took the time to realize, to discover, to revitalize this knowledge and subsequently apply ourselves in order to share it with others.

There are certain realms philosophy can endeavor in which physics, math and science cannot. For the past several decades physics, math and science have dominated media, education and public discourse. While physics, math and science are certainly important they do not compel thought, they do not command thought at the level philosophy does. I believe it is time philosophy take center stage. I wish to be part of that philosophical resurgence.

- 1. Agreed. To put it in other terms: the totality is without compare, otherwise it would not be the totality as something would be beyond it. Without comparison it is without form as form requires comparison. This formless nature to the total is absolute as it is no-thing and this no-thingness is beyond change as there is nothing to change. What we perceive as defined and distinct is only relative and that which is relative is illusory in the respect it is true and/or false depending upon ever changing contexts.
- 2. All phenomenon are connected to all other phenomenon. In these respects each localized phenomenon, a specified part of the whole, can be observed as a distinct center point. Each center point is all other phenomenon existing through said point as they are connected to it considering all things are connected. Justification as a phenomenon can be observed as a center point in these respects. However there are other center points as well, infinite ones in fact, that can be observed whenever we localize a part of the whole and make it distinct. Given there is no rule on when or what to localize there is a certain element of obscurity and spontaneity in observation.
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ABSOLUTELY NO one SAID that they do NOT.

Either you are PURPOSELY being DECEITFUL here. Or, you REALLY ARE MISREADING and MISUNDERSTANDING, AGAIN.

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Are you SAYING here that WHILE a 'concept' exists, ONLY 'in concept', or 'conceptual form', that 'that concept' is NOT 'formed', nor IN 'form?

And, ONLY when in 'material form' is a 'concept' then 'formed'?

If yes, then what is a 'formed concept', to you, EXACTLY?

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In the form of a symbol. That can be looked upon, and that which is looking can never be the form it looks upon, why, because form cannot see anything.

BUT, ONCE AGAIN, the 'human form' IS 'a form', which CAN 'see', and which DOES look upon OTHER 'forms'. Or, do you BELIEVE that 'this' is NOT the case?

If so, then WHY, EXACTLY?

Also, IF one 'human form' is looking upon ANOTHER 'human form', then WHY, supposedly, can 'this form' NEVER be 'the form' that 'it' is looking upon?

SURE 'it' can NEVER BE the EXACT SAME 'form', this is OBVIOUS, but 'it' IS STILL looking upon the 'human form', which 'it', itself, IS, EXACTLY.

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Okay, GREAT.

Who OR what then is the 'thing', or 'form', which CAN 'speak', can 'hear', and can KNOW?

Also, if words, themselves, do NOT come 'through' human bodies, then WHERE do 'they' COME FROM, EXACTLY?

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So it seems, but no one has ever questioned how that is so.

What do 'you' MEAN by, 'but NO one has EVER QUESTIONED how that is so'?

I HAVE. So what makes 'you' think or BELIEVE that NO one has EVER QUESTIONED HOW 'that is so'?

ALSO, the ACTUAL ANSWER to the QUESTION, 'How that is so?' WAS VERY SIMPLE and VERY EASY TO UNCOVER, FIND, and KNOW, AS WELL.

AS 'I' KEEP IN-FORMING 'you', "dontaskme", 'I' ALREADY KNOW the EXACT 'location' of WHERE 'I', the 'Knower', AM, PRECISELY.

**6** Dontaskme wrote: ↑

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AND ALWAYS HAVE, by the way.

Although 'you' OBVIOUSLY BELIEVE otherwise.

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IS, or AM, 'I' REALLY 'form'?

If yes, then HOW, EXACTLY, "dontaskme"?

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Human/body/being/ I / are all form.

### Re: Existence Is Infinite

by daniel j lavender » Wed Jul 05, 2023 10:38 pm

66 Age wrote: 
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Nonexistence IS 'logically and actually POSSIBLE'. Although BECAUSE of the Conscious Being Existing, HERE-NOW IN or WITH 'Existence', Itself, 'nonexistence' could NEVER have existed NOR EVER could exist.

Absence of consciousness equals absence of consciousness. Absence of consciousness does not necessarily equal nonexistence.

Even if a conscious being loses consciousness nonexistence is not introduced. Nonconsciousness would be introduced.

I realize this as a conscious being. Existence is perpetuated even if consciousness is not. Certain conditions allow consciousness. Other conditions do not. However all conditions are existence, are being. Existence is present conscious or not.

Existence, things can be without consciousness. Things, existence may not be realized, at least at that point, but they would be. Consciousness cannot be without existence, without things at all.

It isn't because of some conscious bias. It's because it is what it is.

66 Age wrote: ↑ Wed Jul 05, 2023 1:20 pm
66 daniel j lavender wrote: ↑ Tue Jul 04, 2023 5:51 pm

It does NOT MATTER ONE IOTA IF 'they' are just 'only' 'concepts'. BOTH 'existence' AND 'nonexistence' EXIST. Which you HAVE ALREADY AGREED WITH.

Nonexistence does not and cannot exist.

Those are concepts, those are words, terms. They are perceived and interacted with.

As stated, both the concept existence and the concept nonexistence are only concepts.

Nonexistence is never perceived or interacted with as it does not and cannot exist.

Age wrote: 

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figure daniel j lavender wrote: 

The Infinite, which has no counterpart, which is not exceeded and which is unlimited.

BUT the 'counterpart' OF 'infinite' IS 'finite', just like the 'counterpart' OF 'existence' IS 'nonexistence'.

Counterpart, n., "One that closely resembles another"

(American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language Fifth Edition 2016)

https://www.thefreedictionary.com/counterpar

Existence is infinite. Existence is unlimited. Existence is not limited to any particular. Existence is not just infinite; existence is also finite. To limit existence to either infinitude or finitude would be limitation.

Existence is both part and whole as conveyed in the original text (Existence Both Part And Whole section). Existence is unlimited; existence is the entirety, existence is all things, existence is each and every thing.

Existence is infinite. Existence is all. Existence is all there is. There is no other to closely resemble.

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66 Age wrote: ↑ Wed Jul 05, 2023 1:20 pm

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The term nothing or nonexistence is contradictory because it implies no thing while it is a thing.

While 'what' is A 'thing?

The term.

66 Age wrote: †

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66 Age wrote: †

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So, you AGREE that 'nonexistence' exists, in some form and way, YET also STILL want to 'try to' CLAIM that 'nonexistence' actually does NOT exist.

No, nonexistence does not exist. In any form.

BUT, did 'you' or did 'you' NOT just get through TELLING 'us' that 'nonexistence' EXISTS in 'concept'?

No. I said, or perhaps implied, the idea, concept, word or adjective "nonexistent" exists as an idea, concept, word or adjective:

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67 Daniel..nonexistent exists as an idea.

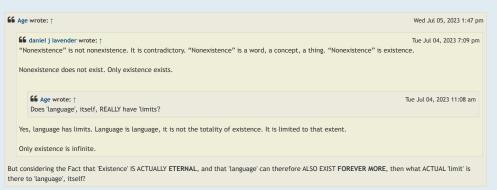
Correct. And a word or term.

Yet more evidence for existence, not nonexistence.

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It's self-evident.

That thing is a thing. Not no thing, not nonexistence.



Eternal is not the same as infinite.

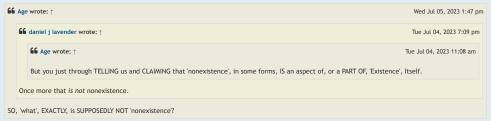
As conveyed in the essay, existence is infinite in extent and eternal in duration. Existence is both eternal and infinite.

Eternal, eternity concerns duration or time. Infinite concerns extent, range or spatial scope.

Language certainly could be eternal and I presume it is. Language would not be infinite, however, as language is observably not the totality of things.

Language is language. Language is not a stone; language is not the stone itself, what the word or term "stone" represents, anyway. Language is language. It is limited to that extent.

Existence is language, and the stone, and the screen, and all other things and each and every thing. Existence is unlimited. Existence is infinite.



# Everything.

Existence. Words. Concepts. Ideas. Images. Screens. Blank screens. Each and every thing you see, hear, think. Each and every thing that is perceived, or interacts, or has properties or qualities. All things, everything, all.

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If 'this' is what you BELIEVE is true, then 'this' HAS TO BE ABSOLUTELY TRUE, right?	

There appears to be no adequate refutation against it.

It is a simple, basic and logical principle: If there is some thing there is not no thing.

If there is a thing there is not no thing.

Do you mean to imply otherwise? You mean to declare there is a thing, and not a thing, at the same time? How do you wish an attempt to reconcile that?

We HAVE GONE THROUGH 'this' ALREADY. 'nonexistence' DOES EXIST. As an 'idea', 'concept', AND thus 'thing'.

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As you illustrate, "nonexistence" does exist. There it is. Look at it. It is a word. A term. A concept. It is perceived. That is a thing, an existing. Not a nonexisting, not nonexistence.

Nonexistence is never perceived or interacted with as it does not exist.

Only existence, only things are perceived and interacted with.

#### Re: Existence Is Infinite

hv daniel i lavender » Thu Jul 06, 2023 1:01 am

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Neither distinction nor nondistinction may be applied to nothingness as nothingness is not and cannot be.

If there is some thing there is not nothing. There cannot be nothingness in any real sense of the term if there is some thing, if there is anything at all. You are saying there is something and nothingness simultaneously. How do you resolve that?

There is not nothingness nor is there any need for nothingness.

Existence concerns distinction or separation, as you imply, and nondistinction or unity.

We can observe differences in things. We can observe differences, variations. We can observe opposing forces, opposing elements, opposition. We can see contradiction in things. But it all balances as simply being. As expressed earlier:

#### 66 daniel i lavender wrote: 1

Sat Jun 24, 2023 2:06 am What do all things, what do all variations of things have in common? What is their commonality? They all are. They all exist. They all are parts of existence, they all are expressions of existence. All differences, all variations, all opposition, all contradiction ultimately balances as simply being. As simply existence.

Existence simply is. All things simply are.

We are aspects of being. Being is. That is the commonality, that is the ultimate unity.

There is no real unity in nothingness as there is no thing to unite or be united.

There is not nothingness. Nothingness cannot be. Nor is there any need for nothingness if it could.

Existence is everything. Existence is distinction and nondistinction. Existence is separation and unity. Existence is balance. Existence is.

# Re: Existence Is Infinite

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So what is death? Is there no death then?

Like you say, we can observe differences ...for example: someone who has died and someone who has been born.

So how can we define the difference between ALIVE and not-alive? what would be the difference, what would it look and feel like?

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